

## LASKER IN THE LEAD.

HE DEFEATS TSCHIGORIN IN THE BIG CHESS MATCH.

PILLSBURY AND STEINITZ TIED FOR SECOND PLACE—DETAILS OF GAMES FROM ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12 (Special).—Lasker, by beating Tschigorin in the chess tournament to-day, is now leading Pillsbury and Steinitz with one point. The Anglo-German tried a ruy Lopez on Tschigorin, who made a blunder in the middle game and lost after thirty moves. The following table shows the record of the tournament at the conclusion of the fourth round:

Players.	Lasker	Pillsbury	Steinitz	Tschigorin	W.
Lasker	18	24	32	7	7
Pillsbury	18	24	32	6	6
Steinitz	18	24	32	6	6
Tschigorin	18	1	2	32	32
Lost	42	58	58	84	24

Following are two additional scores of games from the St. Petersburg chess tournament which were played on January 1:

THIRD ROUND—QUEEN'S GAMBIT.	
WHITE.	BLACK.
Steinitz.	Tschigorin.
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3
3 KxP	3 KxP
4 P—K 3	4 P—K 3 (ch)
5 B—K 2	5 B—K 2
6 B—Q 2	6 B—Q 2
7 BxP	7 BxP
8 Castles	8 Castles
9 Q—K 2	9 P—R 4
10 Kt—B 3	10 Kt—B 3
11 B—Q 3	11 B—Q 3
12 Q—Q 2	12 Q—Q 2

POSITION: Tschigorin, Black—Thirteen Pieces.

Steinitz, White—Thirteen Pieces.

NOTES.

(a) A quick way of developing the piece, but the opponent's Queen's side is likewise rapidly cleared for action. The To Stop P—H 4 is not hard to be recommended.

(b) A good move, which tends to greatly retard Black's development.

(c) After some clever manœuvring the King occupies an excellent post and soon proves a thorn in Black's side.

(d) The Royal forces are completely hemmed in and practically besieged.

(e) The open files afford some relief, but the King's quarters are nevertheless left badly exposed.

(f) The King has a really wide range of action, and though surrounded, cannot be successfully assailed.

The Q. R. too, is now able to cross over when the occasion arises.

(g) An error, of course, and costs a piece. Still, Black's race was run and it would have been but a matter of a few moves for White to break through and force the game.

(h) The Kt. cannot be saved. If 31 Q—R 3; 32 R—K R. And if 31 Q—R 5; 32 P—B 3; 33 Q—K 5 etc. This ends a well conducted game on the part of Steinitz.

POSITION: Steinitz, White—Thirteen Pieces.

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(a) The King's side is likewise rapidly cleared for action. The To Stop P—H 4 is not hard to be recommended.

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NOTES.

(a) Here Lasker varies from his line of play in the former Petrifff with Pillsbury, when he played 6, P—Q 4.

The text move is not attractive and apt to bring about the exchange of Queens and so detract from the interest of the game.

(b) The similarity of moves on both sides thus far leaves Little choice between the respective positions, though White is clearly to have a better game.

(c) Forced, as he cannot submit to the doubling of his Q. P. in, which case White could quickly prepare a dangerous attack.

(d) All this has been calculated to a nicely by Pillsbury, and he now emerges with an even game.

(e) Trying to avoid exchanges, but he must come to it shortly.

(f) The command of the board is so evenly divided between the players that neither side has an opportunity to create an advantage.

(g) Leaving White with Kt against B, a slight advantage for the ending that he is unable to profit by.

FINE EXHIBITION PLAY.

SHOWALTER AND DELMAR WIN IN SIMULTANEOUS CONTESTS.

J. W. Showalter and Eugene Delmar gave exhibitions of simultaneous play at the Brooklyn and Progressive Chess clubs respectively on Saturday evening. The results:

Total—Players. Results.

White—BLACK. Last—Kings.

1 P—K 4 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3 Kt—K B 3

3 KxP

4 P—K 3 P—K 3

5 Q—K 2 Q—K 2

6 P—Q 3 P—Q 3

7 E—P 3 E—P 3

8 Kt—B 3 Kt—B 3

9 Castles Castles

10 Q—K 4 Q—K 4

11 Kt—K 5 Kt—K 5

12 Q—K 3 Q—K 3

13 B—K 5 B—K 5

14 P—K 4 P—K 4

15 BxKt (ch) Q—K 4

16 BxP Q—K 4

17 P—K 5 P—K 5

18 P—K 6 P—K 6

19 P—K 7 P—K 7

20 P—K 8 P—K 8

21 P—K 9 P—K 9

22 P—K 10 P—K 10

23 P—K 11 P—K 11

24 P—K 12 P—K 12

25 P—K 13 P—K 13

26 P—K 14 P—K 14

27 P—K 15 P—K 15

28 P—K 16 P—K 16

29 P—K 17 P—K 17

30 P—K 18 P—K 18

31 P—K 19 P—K 19

32 P—K 20 P—K 20

33 P—K 21 P—K 21

34 P—K 22 P—K 22

35 P—K 23 P—K 23

36 P—K 24 P—K 24

37 P—K 25 P—K 25

38 P—K 26 P—K 26

39 P—K 27 P—K 27

40 P—K 28 P—K 28

41 P—K 29 P—K 29

42 P—K 30 P—K 30

43 P—K 31 P—K 31

44 P—K 32 P—K 32

45 P—K 33 P—K 33

46 P—K 34 P—K 34

47 P—K 35 P—K 35

48 P—K 36 P—K 36

49 P—K 37 P—K 37

50 P—K 38 P—K 38

51 P—K 39 P—K 39

52 P—K 40 P—K 40

53 P—K 41 P—K 41

54 P—K 42 P—K 42

55 P—K 43 P—K 43

56 P—K 44 P—K 44

57 P—K 45 P—K 45

58 P—K 46 P—K 46

59 P—K 47 P—K 47

60 P—K 48 P—K 48

61 P—K 49 P—K 49

62 P—K 50 P—K 50

63 P—K 51 P—K 51

64 P—K 52 P—K 52

65 P—K 53 P—K 53

66 P—K 54 P—K 54

67 P—K 55 P—K 55

68 P—K 56 P—K 56

69 P—K 57 P—K 57

70 P—K 58 P—K 58

71 P—K 59 P—K 59

72 P—K 60 P—K 60

73 P—K 61 P—K 61

74 P—K 62 P—K 62

75 P—K 63 P—K 63

76 P—K 64 P—K 64

77 P—K 65 P—K 65

78 P—K 66 P—K 66

79 P—K 67 P—K 67

80 P—K 68 P—K 68

81 P—K 69 P—K 69

82 P—K 70 P—K 70

83 P—K 71 P—K 71

84 P—K 72 P—K 72

85 P—K 73 P—K 73

86 P—K 74 P—K 7